THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Two major hydroelectric projects, namely, Salal and Dulhasti, on the river Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir, are presently under execution. The time and cost overruns on the Salal Hydroelectric project have occurred, inter alia, on account of changes in designs and increase in the scope of works, unanticipated geotechnical problems in the foundation of the concrete dam geological surprises, encountering of major shear zones surcharged with water in the Tail Race Tunnel and flash floods during March, 1984 and again in July, 1986. The generation capacity was also raised from 270 MW to 345 MW. All major works of the project have since been completed except for a small portion of the Tail Race Tunnel which is under construction. The first unit is now expected to be commissioned in September, 1987 and the other two units in October, 1987.

Infrastructure works of the Dulhasti Hydroclectric project are under progress. Negotiations with a consortium of firms for execution of the project on a turn-day basis, in a period of 57 months, are at an advanced stage.

Compressor and Satellite station at Bijaipur

3306. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been considerable delay in the completion of the HBJ pipeline project; if so, the extent of delay so far suffered;

(b) whether the schedule for completion for compressor station at Bijaipur on 30th January, 1987 and that for the satelite statien at Bijaipur on 28th February 1987 as per tender issued, was kept up; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir. The HBJ project is expected to be completed by the scheduled date of July 1989.

(b) and (c). The compressor station of Bijaipur is scheduled to be completed only by November, 1987. The permanent earth station at Bijaipur has been delayed on account of belated supply of equipment; this would not affect supply of gas, as alternative arrangements have been made.

Complaints against LPG dealers

3307. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received against LPG dealers in the country and the nature of the complaints;

(b) what are the details of action taken against them; and

(c) what is the number of LPG dealerships cancelled during the last one year on the complaints of the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The total number of complaints received against LPG dealers in country during the year 1986-87 was about 21,550 relating to issues such as delays in LPG supply, under-filling of cylinders, over-charging, forced sale of hot plates, out-of turn connections and rude behaviour on the part of the distributors;

(b) The complaints received from customers are investigated by the oil companies and remedial action|disciplinary action taken in accordance with the Discipline Guidelines;

(c) Thirteen dealerships were cancelled in 1986-87 based on the complaints of customers, which were sustantiated in the course of enquiries.